



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Staples, et al. )  
Date Filed: April 4, 2000 )  
Serial No: 9/542,445 ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
Title: Reagents for Assays for Ligands ) Examiner: Devi, S.  
Atty. Docket No.: BEH-7354A DIV ) Date: November 20, 2003

PETITION FOR 2 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a 2 month extension of time to file a Response to the Final Rejection. The new time for filing such Response will be ~~November 30, 2003~~, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

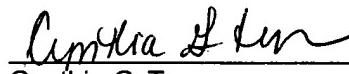
*December 8, 2003 C.G.T.*

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for Four hundred Twenty dollars and no/100 (\$420) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

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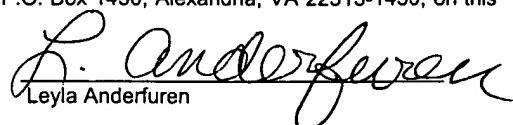
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 20th day of November, 2003.

  
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